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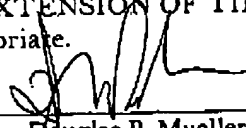
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Sir:

With regard to the above-identified application, the items of information listed on the enclosed Form 1449 are brought to the attention of the Examiner. Copies of any foreign patent documents or "Other Documents" are enclosed. Please note that references JP 2000-228204 and JP 2000-243404 have been filed in a previous IDS and therefore are not included.

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